

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #75A-9 Building Date: ca. 1905
Building Name: Collins House
Location: 7618 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, Maryland 20747

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description:

The Collins House is a two-and-one-half-story L-shaped gable-roofed frame house with a projecting one-bay tower centered in the three-bay (south) facade. Entrance is through a doorway in this central tower; the door has transom and sidelights. At loft level the tower has cross-gable roof, returned cornice, and a diamond-shaped window. Across the main (south) facade is a one-story porch, supported by plain columns, square in section; this porch has a shallow central pediment. The main block of the house is one bay deep. Extending to the rear (north) at the east gable end is a rear wing, making the house L-shaped. Windows are 2/2, and the siding is white asbestos shingle; the roof is covered with synthetic shingle, and foundations are of concrete. In the front yard, located southeast of the house, is a small frame gable-roofed outbuilding which rests on a high brick foundation.

Significance:

This is a modest dwelling house which reflects a style (with central projecting tower) which was very popular in Prince George's County at the end of the nineteenth century. It was probably built ca. 1892 by Andrew Schwartz, a German real estate agent who had settled in Forestville in the 1870's. Within a few years, the house and ca. 4 acre lot was purchased by the family of George Dove, a merchant who operated a general store on the lot across the road. In 1920, Dove sold the house and lot to his daughter and son-in-law, and it has remained in the possession of their heirs to the present day. In the early 1970's, when Marlboro Pike was widened, the house was moved a short distance to the north, away from the road. It stands today, surrounded by commercial development in a rapidly changing area, as an example of a once-popular local style of domestic architecture.

Acreage: 3.24 acres

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Andrew Schwartz House

and/or common Collins House

2. Location

street & number 7618 Marlboro Pike ___ not for publication

city, town Forestville ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county P.G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Alice McLaughlin et al

street & number 7521 Marlboro Pike telephone no.:

city, town Forestville state and zip code Md. 20747

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber 5410

street & number Main Street folio 938

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ___ federal ___ state ___ ☒ county ___ local

depository for survey records History Division M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #75A-9

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	early
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move 1970's
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Note: Interior not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates ca. 1892

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Collins house is a modest frame dwelling house which reflects a style (with central projecting tower) which was very popular in Prince George's County at the end of the nineteenth century. It was probably built ca. 1892 by Andrew Schwartz, a German real estate agent who had settled in Forestville in the late 1870's.¹ Within a few years the house and ca. 4 acre lot was purchased by George Dove, a merchant who operated a general store on the lot across the road.² (This was the main road, Old Marlboro Pike, which ran through Forestville, known earlier as Long Old Fields.) In 1920, Dove sold the house and lot to his daughter and son-in-law, Edna and Norman Collins, and it has remained in the possession of their heirs to the present day.³ In the early 1970's, when Marlboro Pike was widened, this house was moved a short distance to the north, away from the road, on the same lot.⁴ It stands today, in fair condition, surrounded by commercial development in a rapidly changing area, as an example of a once-popular local style of domestic architecture.

Notes:

¹ P.G. County Deed, JWB #17:619; Hopkins Atlas 1878; P.G. County Tax Assessments, 1890's.

² See Prince George's #75A-10; Prince George's County Deed #23:391.

³ Prince George's County Deed #169:213; see Chain of Title.

⁴ Interview with owner, November 1984.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #75A-9

See chain of title

See notes, item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3,288 acresQuadrangle name Anacostia, Section C

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl/Rod McDowellorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate February 1985street & number c/o County Planning M-NCPPCtelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Farmhouse opposite Pumphrey Road

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Marlboro Pike, opposite Pumphrey Road

CITY, TOWN

Forestville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- ☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES- RESTRICTED
☒ YES UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a country Victorian house, that faces south on Marlboro Pike. The main facade has three bays, with the central (entrance) bay being formed by a slim, projecting tower. The tower is capped with its own gable-roof, that features a returned cornice and diamond-shaped window. The doorway has transom and side-lights. A one-story, open porch (with a low, pedimented center gable) crosses the front. There is a stove-chimney at the NE rear of the house, where there is a shed-roof wing. Windows are 2/2, and present siding is asbestos shingle.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the few remaining older homes in this former, 19th Century, important commercial settlement. This building exhibits an architectural style that seems to have been popular mainly in Prince George's Co. The central tower style can be seen in several other houses-such as those on the USDA Agricultural Center in Beltsville.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

9/13/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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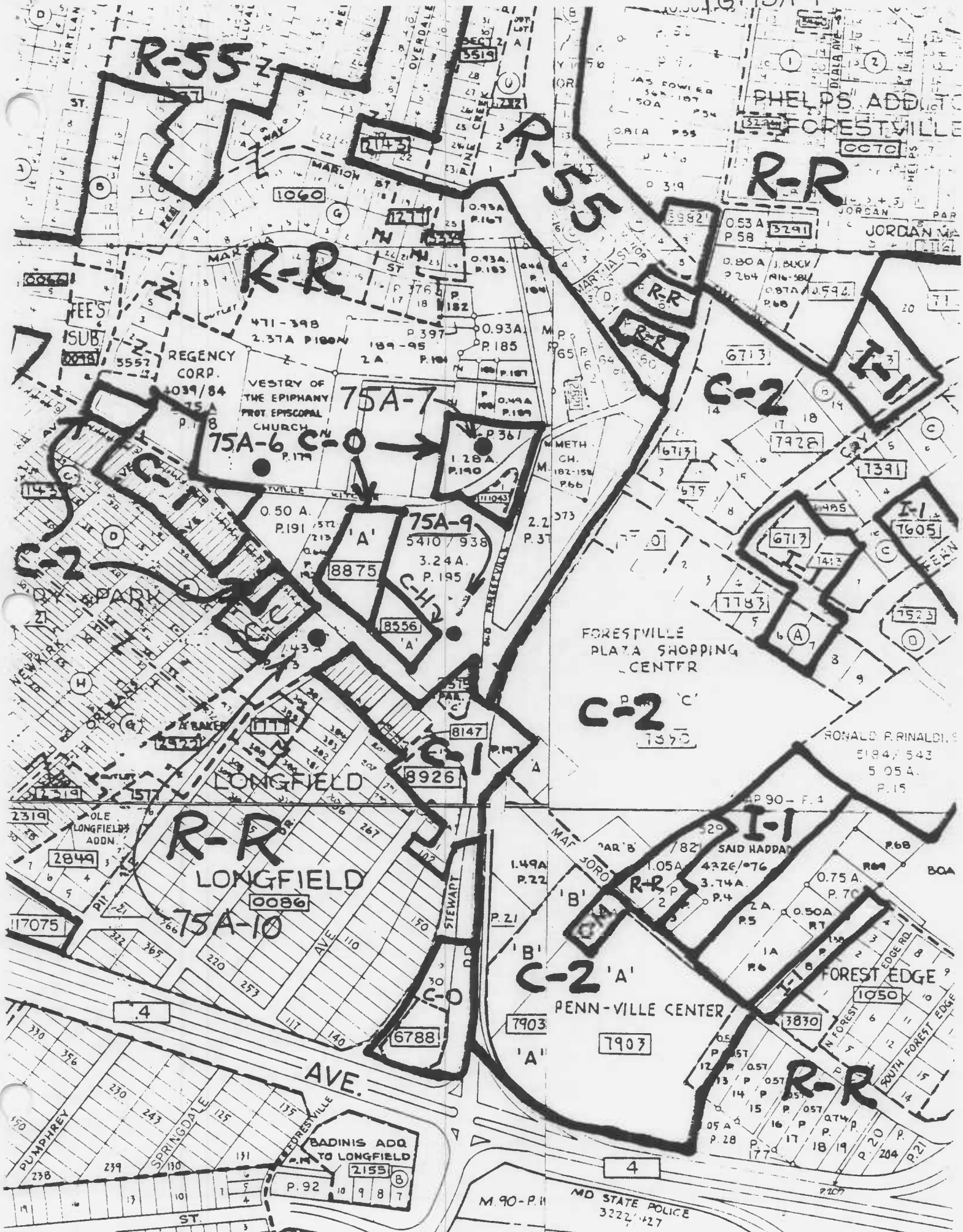
Chain of Title

Collins House
P.A. #75A-9

#5410:938 29 May 1981 Deed	Nina P. Guthrie (representative of Nina T. Pyles, deceased) to Wilmer Pyles, Faye P. Farrell, Gordon Pyles, and Nina P. Guthrie: Nina T. Pyles, 1/3 interest in 3.24 acres on north side of Marlboro Pike (P.G. tax map 81, parcel 195), one of the parcels described in #5064:546.
#5064:546 16 Jan. 1979 Deed	Wilmer Pyles (representative of Edna Collins, deceased) to Nina T. Pyles; 1/3 interest in 3.228 acres in north side of Marlboro Pike, being residue from #169:213.
#5064:550 16 Jan 1979 Deed	Wilmer Pyles (representative of Edna Collins, deceased) to Faye Graves; 1/3 interest in same 3.228 acre land as #5064:546.
#5064:554 16 Jan. 1979 Deed	Wilmer Pyles (representative of Edna Collins, deceased) to Alice McLaughlin; 1/3 interest in same 3.228 acre land as #5064:546.
CMH #1:213 26 Nov. 1977 Will	Testator, Edna Collins: to Nina T. Pyles, Faye Graves, and Alice McLaughlin, equally, her real estate, including 3.228 acres on north side of Marlboro Pike.
#169:213 17 Dec. 1920 Deed	George Dove et ux to Norman and Edna Collins; 4.36 acres on the north side of Marlboro turnpike, which Dove acquired by #23:391
#23:391 22 May 1905 Deed	John Sansbury to George Dove; 4.36 acres on north side of Marlboro turnpike, which Sansbury acquired on this date
#23:389 22 May 1905 Deed	William Branson to John Sansbury, 4.36 acres on north side of Marlboro turnpike which Branson acquired by JWB#25:580.
JWB#25:580 1 Aug. 1893 Deed	Andrew Schwartz to William Branson; lot of land bordered on south by Washington and Marlboro Pike, on west by road leading from the pike to Episcopal church, on east by old Nye estate, and on north by a fence; same land which Schwartz acquired by JWB#17:619.

JWB#17:619
22 Apr. 1891
Deed

Charles Walker to Andrew Schwartz, lot of land in Forestville; "all that piece or parcel of land known and distinguished as being the lot wherein Lavinia Brent, wife of Henry Brent lived at the time of her death".



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LONGFIELD

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PENN-VILLE CENTER

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FOREST EDGE

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AVE.

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2155

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P.G. #75A-9

Collins House
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
February 1985
Southeast 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #75A-9

Collins House
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
February 1985
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



NAME #75A-9 FARMHOUSE - OPPOSITE PUMPHREY RD

LOCATION MARLBORO PIKE, " " " FORESTVILLE, MD

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